**Metal scrap**

4003. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railway generate as well as disposes large volume of metalscrap every year;

(b) if so, the details of volume of scrap generated and volume/value of disposal made since 1995-96 upto 2003-04;

(c) procedure followed during the said period in screening, evaluating and disposing Railways' scrap;

(d) the cases where disposal made through competitive open tender, number of parties participated in tender;

(e) whether changes/modifications have been made in the erstwhile procedure as per the policy announcement made in the Rail Budget 2004-05; and

(f) if so, details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR.VELU):(a)Yes,Sir. .

(b) The details of volume of scrap generated and volume/value of disposal from 1995-96 to 2003-04 are as under

| Years | Metal Scrap (MT) | | Rolling Stock | | | | Total Value (in Crs. of Rupees) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Wagons (in FWUs) | | Coaches plus Locos(ln Nos.) | | |
| | Generated | Disposal | Generated | Disposal | Generated | Disposal | |
| 1995-96 | * | 1023661 | * | 21886 | * | 2799 | 1018 |
| 1996-97 | * | 838163 | * | 18157 | | 2249 | 833 |
| 1997-98 | * | 995084 | * | 14789 | * | 1916 | 876 |
| 1998-99 | * | 868476 | * | 12707 | » | 1797 | 765 |
| 1999-2000 | * | 988577 | * | 16226 | * | 1682 | 898 |
| 2000-2001 | 909144 | 866480 | 28849 | 26262 | 1559 | 1558 | 949 |
| 2001-2002 | 911624 | 895011 | 16147 | 19403 | 1144 | 1163 | 936 |
| 2002-2003 | 1000230 | 1051014 | 14489 | 14788 | 1107 | 1237 | 1111 |
| 2003-2004 | 912081 | 886846 | 12625 | 12151 | 1365 | 1403 | 1314 |

* Records not maintained being more than 5 years old.

(c) The scrap generated is screened and segregated in different categories like melting scrap, re-rolling scrap etc. It is then evaluated by Survey Committee and their recommendation are approved by Competent Authority before it is declared as scrap for disposal. The sale of scrap is arranged through Public Auction/Advertised Tender. The schedule dates for scrap are given wide publicity in the' newspapers. Any prospective bidder can participate.

(d) The scrap disposal on Indian Railway is done mainly through public auction. For some items like turning & boring etc., disposal was made through advertised tender. The number of parties participated in the tenders varied from 2 to 18.

(e) and (f) In last year's Budget, it was decided to explore the possibilities of in-house utilization of scrap by recycling it, instead- of selling it to outside parties subject to detailed examination of the logistics, cost benefits analysis etc. A high level committee was constituted in this regard. Committee has submitted its report, which is under examination. Meanwhile, a Wheel Plant has been approved at Chhapra, which will use scrap as one of the raw materials.

**Expansion promotion and upgradation of railway tourism**

4004. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for expansion, promotion and upgradation of railway tourism in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of such plan with the total allocation of resources in the Railway Budget; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The Railways has taken various steps for